

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of sharing computer objects comprising:
storing in computer memory, association information relating to one or more associations between a selected object in a first computer space and one or more first objects in the first computer space, wherein the association information is determined automatically based upon prior interactions between [[the]] a user and the objects in the first computer space, and wherein the objects are at least one of files, applications, contacts or communications;

sharing the selected object and the association information from the first computer space with a second computer space, the second computer space including one or more second objects that match the one or more first objects;

identifying the one or more second objects in the second computer space; [[and]] automatically forming one or more associations between the selected object and the second objects preexisting in the second computer space upon the sharing of the selected object and the association information from the first computer space to the second computer space;

storing in the first computer space association information relating to an association between the selected object and the second computer space; and

determining whether the association between the selected object and the second computer space is of an extent greater than a predetermined threshold;

wherein the selected object is shared from the first computer space with the second computer space upon a determination that the association between the selected

object and the second computer space is of an extent greater than the predetermined threshold.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which the one or more associations between the selected object in the first computer space and the one or more first objects in the first computer space include an indirect association between the selected object and a particular first object, the indirect association including a direct association between the intervening first object and the particular first object.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3 in which the second computer space includes the particular first object prior to the sharing of the selected object, the method further including automatically sharing from the first computer space with the second computer space the intervening first object, together with the direct association between the selected object and the intervening first object and the direct association between the intervening first object and the particular first object.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which at least one of the one or more associations is unidirectional between the selected object and one of the first objects.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which the selected object and the first objects include computer files.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which at least one of the first and second computer spaces corresponds to a computer memory store.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 in which at least one of the first and second computer spaces corresponds to an accessible space of computer objects that are accessible by a user.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which the sharing includes copying the selected object from the first computer space to the second computer space.

10. (Currently Amended) Computer readable storage media that facilitate forming context associations between first and second objects that are stored in computer memory and are associated with each other based on user computer interactions, the computer readable storage media comprising:

instructions for storing in memory association information relating to one or more associations between a selected object in a first computer space and one or more first objects in the first computer space, wherein the association information is determined automatically based upon prior interactions between the user and the objects in the first computer space;

instructions for sharing the selected object and the stored association information from the first computer space with a second computer space, the second computer

space including one or more second objects that are respectively identical to one or more of the first objects;

instructions for identifying in the second computer space the one or more second objects; [[and]]

instructions for automatically creating one or more associations between the selected object and the one or more second objects in the second computer space;

instructions for storing in the first computer space association information relating to an association between the selected object and the second computer space; and

instructions for determining whether the association between the selected object and the second computer space is of an extent greater than a predetermined threshold;

wherein the selected object is shared from the first computer space with the second computer space upon a determination that the association between the selected object and the second computer space is of an extent greater than the predetermined threshold..

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 10 in which the one or more associations between the selected object in the first computer space and the one or more first objects in the first computer space include an indirect association between the selected object and a particular first object, the indirect association including a direct association between the selected object and an intervening first object and a direct association between the intervening first object and the particular first object.

13. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 12 in which the second computer space includes the particular first object prior to the sharing of the selected object, the method further including automatically sharing from the first computer space with the second computer space the intervening first object together with the direct association between the selected object and the intervening first object and the direct association between the intervening first object and the particular first object.

14. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 10 in which at least one of the one or more associations is unidirectional between the selected object and one of the first objects.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of sharing computer objects, comprising:
storing in a computer memory, association information relating to one or more associations between a selected object in a first computer space and a second computer space, wherein the association information is determined automatically based upon prior interactions between [[the]] a user and one or more objects in the first computer space, and wherein the objects are at least one of files, applications, contacts or communications;

initiating sharing of the selected object from the first computer space with the second computer space;

determining an extent of the association of the selected object with the second computer space;

permitting sharing of the selected object with the second computer space if it is determined that the extent of association of the selected object with the second computer space is greater than a predetermined threshold; and

interfering with the sharing of the selected object with the second computer space if the association of the selected object with the second computer space is not of an extent greater than the predetermined threshold.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 further including automatically sharing from the first computer space with the second computer space an association in the first computer space between the selected object and a first object that is in both the first computer space and the second computer space.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 in which association is unidirectional between the selected object the first object.

19. (Previously Presented) Computer readable storage media that facilitate forming context associations between first and second objects that are stored in computer memory and are associated with each other based on user computer interactions, the computer readable media, comprising:

instructions for storing in memory association information relating to one or more associations between a selected object in a first computer space and a second

computer space, wherein the association information is determined automatically based upon prior interactions between the user and the objects, and wherein the objects are at least one of files, applications, contacts and communications;

instructions for determining whether the association of the selected object with the second computer space is of an extent great than a predetermined threshold;

instructions for permitting sharing of the selected object with the second computer space if it is determined that the association of the selected object with the second computer space is of an extent greater than the predetermined threshold; and

instructions for interfering with the sharing of the selected object with the second computer space if the association of the selected object with the second computer space is not of an extent greater than the predetermined threshold.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 19 further including instructions for automatically sharing from the first computer space with the second computer space an association in the first computer space between the selected object and a first object that is in both the first computer space and the second computer space.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the extent of association between the selected object and the second computer space is determined

based on at least on an extent of association between the selected object and a user associated with the second computer space.